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## IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re application of

Docket No: Q62563

Seiji UMEMOTO, et al.

Appln. No.: 09/756,792

Group Art Unit: 2872

Confirmation No.: 6553

Examiner: Alessandro V. Amari

Filed: January 10, 2001

For: OPTICAL PATH CHANGING POLARIZER

# AMENDMENT UNDER 37 C.F.R. § 1.114(e)

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Commissioner for Patents P.O. Box 1450 Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

Sir:

In response to the Office Action dated May 21, 2004, and further to the Notice of Appeal filed on June 10, 2004, please amend the above-identified application as follows on the accompanying pages.

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Sanelle et al

The Examiner relies upon Sanelle et al for a teaching of the use of an adhesive layer in a

sandwiched structure 11 for an active matrix liquid crystal display panel. The Examiner points

to a front polarizer 31 in Sanelle et al and notes that this structure has on one side thereof an

index matched adhesive 37. The Applicants have already demonstrated why this reliance fails

for two reasons.

In addition, however, the use of an absorbent-type polarizer in the claimed invention

provides yet another distinction that is not remedied by Sanelle et al. For all of the reasons given

above, one skilled in the art would not use an absorbent type polarizer in the refletive polarizer-

based structure seen in Ouderkirk et al, even if modified by a combination with Sanelle et al.

Such combination would not be operative, as noted previously. Thus, one skilled in the art

would not look to replace the reflective polarizer in Ouderkirk with the polarizer of Sanelle.

In view of the above, reconsideration and allowance of this application are now believed

to be in order, and such actions are hereby solicited. If any points remain in issue which the

Examiner feels may be best resolved through a personal or telephone interview, the Examiner is

kindly requested to contact the undersigned at the telephone number listed below.

The USPTO is directed and authorized to charge all required fees, except for the Issue

Fee and the Publication Fee, to Deposit Account No. 19-4880. Please also credit any

overpayments to said Deposit Account.

Respectfully submitted,

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